

# KCMO Neighborhood Open Streets Permit FAQ's

In order to promote social distancing and also provide safe space for residents to get outside and get exercise, KCMO is creating more space for people on our roadways and in our parks.

## What is the Neighborhood Open Streets Permit?

The Neighborhood Open Streets Permit allows block-level closures on neighborhood streets. Similar to the Block Party permit, but without the party, this permit is streamlined to be easy and accessible for neighborhoods or residents to apply at no cost and without signature requirements.

## How do I apply?

The permit is available through our online permitting system, CompassKC. Visit, [kcmo.gov/compasskc](http://kcmo.gov/compasskc) and search for "Neighborhood Open Streets"

## What is the general criteria?

- Low traffic volume, low speed, neighborhood street
- Access must be maintained for local traffic, delivery and emergency vehicles
- Closures limited to one block
- No other existing city or utility work along the block

## Does it require neighborhood signatures?

No. The signature requirement is waived for the Neighborhood Open Streets permit. However, we do require the permit applicant to submit proof that they notified their neighbors.

## What is an example of NOTIFICATION?

In your permit application, we need record that you've communicated with your neighbors. A PDF of an email sent to neighbors, a door hanger, or simply a statement that neighbors were contacted will do!

## Will KCMO provide cones, barricades, or signs for loan?

Unfortunately, no. Due to larger open streets closures and other projects, KCMO Public Works does not have cones and barricades for loan.

However, we are partnering with community organizations, BikeWalkKC, The Better Block Foundation and SPIN Scooter to provide additional resources to neighborhoods. (See "Additional Resources")



*Need additional resources for your neighborhood block closure?*

## Additional resources:

- If your Neighborhood Open Streets permit is approved, check out BikeWalkKC's Lending Library to request cones for your block. Visit: <https://bikewalkkc.org/planning/covid19/> to get started.
- Download the Neighborhood Open Streets How-To Guide, created by The Better Block Foundation with support from SPIN Scooter. Available on our website: [www.kcmo.gov/Home/Components/FacilityDirectory/FacilityDirectory/190/360](http://www.kcmo.gov/Home/Components/FacilityDirectory/FacilityDirectory/190/360)

For more info on Neighborhood Open Streets, visit:

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